

A&S Math Mask Exemption Request for Instructors

Please fill out this form if you wish to request a mask exemption for pedagogical reasons while you are teaching an in-person lecture.

The Department of Mathematics will collect all request and submit them on behalf of our instructors for decanal approval on September 17, 2021.

More information may be found here:

https://www.provost.utoronto.ca/planning_policy/joint-provostial-and-human-resources-guideline-on-facemasks-at-the-university-of-toronto/

If instructors recommend that students remove masks temporarily for specific components of class, or if instructors choose to remove their own masks for pedagogical reasons (e.g., while lecturing), they must ensure that the learning activities are carried out in accordance with public health guidance, with appropriate safety measures in place such as physical distancing, in alignment with the guidance of U of T's Environmental Health & Safety office, and approved through applicable Divisional procedures

1. Given/ Preferred Name

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2. Surname *

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3. This form will automatically pick up your utoronto email address. If you wish to be contacted at a different address, please list it here.

drorbn@math.toronto.edu

4. Select the Course from the drop-down list you wish to apply for mask exemption

please note: please use the "other" option for All Graduate Courses and Undergraduate Reading Courses. *

MAT257Y1 - Analysis II



5. Select the Term this course takes place in.

If you are uncertain, consult the A&S Timetable <https://timetable.iit.artsci.utoronto.ca/>

To check the term a course is offered in, you are looking for the last alpha-designator in the course code. For example, MAT135H1-**F** happens in Fall, MAT135H1-**S** happens in Winter, MAT237Y1-**Y** is a full academic term course as is MAT135H1-**Y** is a full academic term course (this can happen in the Summer term for a **Half** credit course) *

- Fall 2021 (F- Term)
- Winter 2022 (S-Term)
- Full Academic Year 2021-2022 (Y- Term)

6. State the (pedagogical) reason(s) for this request and outline who will be taking off mask (instructor only, students) and the process you intend to follow to ensure public health guidelines are followed while being unmasked.

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I intend to put the following in the course syllabus - I believe it answers all questions:

Mask Policy: During in-person classes and tutorials students in MAT257 are expected to wear face masks at all times; if at any time during a class or a tutorial a student will remove their face mask, the instructor will ask the student to re-cover their face and pause the lesson until the mask is returned. Yet for pedagogical reasons the instructors themselves are excepted from this rule: it is much easier to understand speech when the face is unobstructed, facial expressions carry non-verbal information that masks mask, and the risk from and to a single un-masked person is much smaller than the risk from and to an entire class of unmasked individuals. If removing their masks, the instructors will do so not before beginning to lecture and will return their masks immediately at the end of lecturing. Students are asked not to sit in the front row of the classroom and to maintain strict distancing from the instructors while they are unmasked.

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